

St. Joseph Superior Court Judicial Nominating Commission

NOTICE

The Honorable William H. Albright, a judge of the St. Joseph Superior Court, has announced his intention to retire on September 30, 2006. Indiana Code §§ 33-33-71-36 and 33-33-71-38 (2004) provide that the vacancy be filled by the Governor from among five individuals nominated by the St. Joseph Superior Court Judicial Nominating Commission.

Any eligible lawyer who seeks nomination and appointment must act promptly to apply and provide background information to the Commission. Generally, in order to be eligible for nomination, a person must (1) be domiciled in St. Joseph County, Indiana; (2) be a citizen of the United States; and (3) be admitted to the practice of law in the courts of Indiana. Prospective applicants should consult the Nominating Commission statute, particularly Indiana Code § 33-33-71-37 (2004), for complete eligibility information.

The factors that the Commission must consider are set forth in Indiana Code § 33-33-71-37 (2004). Certain financial disclosure information is required by Indiana Code §§ 33-23-11-15 and 33-23-11-16. Application forms have been prepared consistent with these requirements and are now available from Rita Glenn, Clerk of the St. Joseph Circuit and Superior Courts; an electronic application form is attached to this notice. An original application form, along with eight copies, must be completed and returned to the office of the Clerk on or before Friday, August 25, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. An individual who submitted an application for a court vacancy in the past must submit a new application along with the requisite number of copies. Such an individual should complete the application with particular care as substantial changes have been made to the application form used in the past.

Applicants must be available for personal interviews with the Nominating Commission on Friday, September 8, 2006.

Special Notice Concerning Confidentiality: In 1999, the Indiana General Assembly amended the St. Joseph County Judicial Nominating Commission statute by adding a provision that appears to prohibit the public disclosure of the names of applicants (except those five who are nominated for appointment). See Ind. Code § 33-33-71-38. In order to comply with this provision, the Commission will make no affirmative public disclosure of the names of applicants. However, the Commission is unable to assure applicants that their names will remain confidential. The Commission has certain statutory and inherent obligations that may result in the names of applicants becoming known, even if no affirmative public disclosure is made. For example, the applications appear to be public records under Indiana Code § 5-14-3-1 et seq. and are so subject to public inspection upon proper request.

St. Joseph Superior Court
Judicial Nominating Commission

Justice Frank Sullivan, Jr., Chairman
June 16, 2006

**ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL VACANCY

Please complete all questions, answering “None” or “Not Applicable” where appropriate. Please make every effort to confine your answers to the space provided. The Commission may interview or otherwise consult members of the legal and judicial community concerning the professional competence and integrity of the candidate, and may make credit, disciplinary, and criminal investigations of applicants. The Commission may ask follow-up questions via e-mail prior to the interview.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name	
Business Address	
Business Telephone	
E-mail Address	

EDUCATION

1. Undergraduate school(s)

Name of School	Dates Attended	Degree Received

2. Law school(s)—Attach a copy of your law school transcript.

Name of School	Dates Attended	Degree Received

3. Other educational institution(s)

Name of School	Dates Attended	Course of Study

4. Academic honors and achievements

5. Academic or educational disciplinary record

MILITARY SERVICE

Dates	Branch of Service	Discharge Status

EXPERIENCE

1. Nature, location, and dates of private law practice
2. Nature, location, and dates of government service in law-related capacity
3. Nature, location, and dates of prior service in judicial office—include name of court

4. Nature, location, and dates of service as professor or instructor in law

5. Nature, location, and dates of other legal experience

6. Nature, location, and dates of all relevant non-legal experience

LEGAL WORK AND WRITINGS

1. Three of the most significant legal matters you have personally handled
- (1)

(2)

(3)

2. Names and judicial office held by up to three judges before whom you have appeared during the last three years

Name	Judicial Office

3. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three adversary counsel against whom you have litigated your principal cases during the last three years

Name	Address	Telephone No.

4. Experience (whether in private practice or governmental capacity) with trial memoranda and appellate brief writing.—Feel free to attach a sample.
5. Experience with legislative drafting—If enacted, refer to by subject matter and official citation. If not enacted, refer to by subject matter and date only. Feel free to attach a sample.
6. Contributions to legal journals and other professional publications—Refer to by citation, if any. Feel free to attach a sample.
7. Writings and speeches concerning public affairs and contemporary problems—Refer to by citation, if any. Feel free to attach a sample.

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. Efforts and achievements in improving the administration of justice—Mention specific projects or efforts relating to court modernization and legal or judicial reform.
2. Efforts and achievements in providing pro bono legal services and legal education—Include community legal education projects.
3. Community service and volunteer efforts
4. Membership and positions held in professional organizations

FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

1. Indiana Code Section 33-23-11-15 provides that “[i]n a county where judges are selected by a county commission on judicial qualifications, a candidate must file a [S]tatement [of Economic Interests] with the county commission on judicial qualifications and with the commission on judicial qualifications.” Attach the Statement of Economic Interests required by Indiana Code Section 33-23-11-15. See the **Appendix** to this application.
2. Details of any bankruptcy, tax lien, or other collection proceeding to which you have been a party as debtor.
3. Membership and positions in educational, religious, charitable, fraternal, or civic organizations in which you are an officer, director, advisor, or other active participant. In addition, include any organization in which you are a member that practices invidious discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin.

ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

1. Details of any arrest, charge, or conviction for violation of any federal, state, or local law, regulation or ordinance. Do not include traffic infractions unless they directly or indirectly caused your driver’s license to be suspended.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Within the space provided, feel free to provide any additional information that you believe would assist the Commission in its consideration of your application.

REFERENCES

Please list three personal and three professional references. Please include current telephone numbers.

Personal References	Professional References

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Please provide the following information in a separate sealed envelope with each copy of this application.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name	
Social Security No.	
Home Address	
Home Telephone	

PHYSICAL CONDITION

1. Attach a medical report by a registered physician, stating the general health of the candidate and any ailments or conditions which would affect the effective performance of judicial duties.
2. Statement of age at time of application:_____

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The undersigned agrees that the St. Joseph Superior Court Judicial Nominating Commission or its agents or employees may interview or otherwise consult members of the legal and judicial community concerning the professional competence and integrity of the candidate, that credit, disciplinary, and criminal investigations may be made, and, further, that if certified by the Judicial Nominating Commission to the Governor and thereafter appointed to judicial office, the candidate will accept the appointment.

Signature

Name Printed

APPENDIX**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

Attach the “[Statement of Economic Interests](#)” required by Indiana Code Section 33- 23-11-14. Indiana Code Section 33-23-11-16 provides that the “Statement of Economic Interests” must set forth the following information for the preceding calendar year:

(1) The name and address of any person other than a spouse or close relative from whom the applicant received a gift or gifts having a total fair market value of more than one hundred dollars (\$ 100).

(2) The name of the employer of the applicant and the employer of the spouse of the applicant.

(3) The nature of the employer's business.

(4) The name of any sole proprietorship owned or professional practice operated by the applicant, or the spouse of the applicant.

(5) The name of any partnership of which the applicant, or the spouse of the applicant, is a member and the nature of the partnership's business.

(6) The name of any corporation (except a church) of which the applicant, or the spouse of the applicant is an officer or a director and the nature of the corporation's business.

(7) The name of any corporation in which the applicant, or the spouse or emancipated children less than eighteen (18) years of age of the applicant own stock or stock options having a fair market value of more than ten thousand dollars (\$ 10,000).